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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Locke

Serial no. 09/881,114

Filed: June 14, 2001

For: COMBINATION MAGNETIC RADIAL
AND THRUST BEARING

Art Unit: 2834

Examiner: Leda T. Pham

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002 (a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time enclosed herewith), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract (on page 18 of the specification, a reprinted page 18 as so amended enclosed herewith) to read as follows:

A magnetic bearing wherein axially spaced combinations of permanent magnets on a rotor and stator are polarized to levitate

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